

Housing Opportunities for People With AIDS (HOPWA)

Objective #1:

To effectively transition the administration of HUD's HOPWA funds for Middlesex County from the City of Boston to the City of Cambridge for Fiscal-Year 2005 while maintaining a continuity of services to benefit person's living with AIDS.

Through a HUD initiative to re-deploy HOPWA funds for the state of Massachusetts the City of Cambridge has been selected to administer all HOPWA funds for Middlesex County. The City has determined that it is in the best interest of intended recipients and program-efficiency for all current contracts to be extended for Fiscal-Year 2005 while the City becomes more familiar with the clientele and the programs. Therefore, the City will continue support to the 10 programs currently running in Middlesex County at levels as close to previous levels as is equally possible and in a manner consistent with the previous administrator, the City of Boston. The City of Cambridge will then establish goals and objectives consistent with its own standards at the conclusion of the Fiscal 2005 program year.

Expected Resources:

- ***Federal Funds***
FY05 HOPWA Funds
Ryan White CARE Act
- ***Local Funds***
Local Property Taxes
- ***State Funds***
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- ***Private Funds***
Leveraged Funds

Strategies and Resources:

- **AAC - Rental Assistance Program**
This program provides monies to applicants for leasing up a new unit (e.g., covering first and last months' rent) or in preventing homelessness (e.g., paying back rent to prevent an eviction). A statewide Rental Assistance Program is currently managed by the AIDS Action Committee (AAC) in Boston, with funding from the City of Boston (HOPWA), the MA Dept. of Public Health (HOPWA) and the Boston Public Health Commission (Ryan White Care Act).

- **JRI Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) – Scattered Site Program Coordination**
This funding provides statewide coordination on support to maintain over 350 vouchers for people living with HIV disease. Currently there are 43 households utilizing one of these tenant based rental assistance vouchers in Middlesex County. This statewide program coordination is currently managed by the Justice Resource Institute (JRI), with funding from the MA Dept. of Public Health (HOPWA).
- **JRI Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) – Supportive Services**
These supportive services are provided to 27 households who are HOPWA TBRA subsidy holders in Middlesex County (see Program 4 below). These ongoing supportive services include providing households with direct support in maintaining housing, access to primary health care and with referrals to other essential basic services. This program is currently managed by the Justice Resource Institute (JRI), with funding from the City of Boston (HOPWA).
- **JRI Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) – Rental Subsidies**
This program provides funding for direct rental assistance to 14 households in Middlesex County. The participants reside in housing of their choice, the program provides rental assistance helping households pay for rent, similar to Housing Choice Voucher Program (Section 8). Participants pay approx. 30% of their income for housing (rent and basic utilities) and program subsidy pays balance of rent directly to landlord. This program is currently managed by the Justice Resource Institute (JRI), with subsidy portion managed by Metropolitan Boston Housing Partnership and funding from the City of Boston (HOPWA).
- **AIDS Housing Corporation – Technical Assistance**
Technical Assistance includes: community needs assessment & planning, housing development, training for front-line and administrative staff in AIDS housing programs and program evaluation services. This program is currently managed by the AIDS Housing Corporation (AHC), with funding from the City of Boston (HOPWA).
- **Southern Middlesex Opportunity Council (SMOC) – Housing Information Services**
This program provides community-based housing advocacy and information services for the purposes either of placement into housing or of homelessness prevention. This program is currently managed by the SMOC, with funding from the City of Boston (HOPWA).
- **Tri-City Community Action (Tri-CAP) – Housing Information Services**
This program provides community-based housing advocacy and information services for the purposes either of placement into housing or of homelessness

prevention. This program is currently managed by the Tri-CAP, with funding from the City of Boston (HOPWA).

- **Cambridge Cares About AIDS (CCAA) – Housing Information Services**
This program provides community-based housing advocacy and information services for the purposes either of placement into housing or of homelessness prevention. This program is currently managed by CCAA, with funding from the City of Boston (HOPWA).
- **Cambridge Cares About AIDS (CCAA) RUAH, Breath of Life – Congregate Residential Program**
This program provides 7 units (SRO) of affordable housing and supportive services at site located in Cambridge. Ongoing supportive services include providing households with direct support in maintaining housing, access to primary health care and with referrals to other essential basic services. This program is currently managed by the Cambridge Cares About AIDS (JRI), with funding from the City of Boston (HOPWA) supporting this program.
- **Cambridge Cares About AIDS (CCAA) Open Door Single Room Occupancy Program – Congregate Residential Program**
This program provides 15 units (SRO) of affordable housing and supportive services at site located in Cambridge. Ongoing supportive services include providing households with direct support in maintaining housing, access to primary health care and with referrals to other essential basic services. This program is currently managed by the Cambridge Cares About AIDS (JRI), with funding from the City of Boston (HOPWA) supporting this program.
- **Community Development Block Grant Program**
The City of Cambridge is an entitlement City that annually receives a direct allocation of CDBG funds that can be used to fund a variety of activities, which includes economic development, design and construction oversight of parks, playground renovations, housing services, and housing development. The majority of the City's CDBG funds are used for housing development activities and services. Block Grant funds are used for City staff and administrative resources.